

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this past weekend we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. I include in the RECORD an article from the *The Aiken Standard* that highlights women leaders in our community and the role that Eulalie Salley had in the suffragist movement:

AIKEN'S WOMEN LEADERS REFLECT ON 19TH AMENDMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY, EULALIE SALLEY'S ROLE

(By Dede Biles August 15, 2020)

Women leaders in the Aiken area reflected recently on this month's 100th anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution's 19th Amendment, which guarantees that an American's right to vote will not be denied on the basis of sex.

They also discussed the legacy of Eulalie Salley, an Aiken resident who was a prominent suffragist.

Read what they had to say:

Lessie Price, Aiken City Council member and Aiken Mayor Pro Tempore: "Those women (who fought for the right to vote) were very bold and brave. Can you imagine doing that during that period of time, what was said about them by their peers and the names they were probably called?"

"Also there were pressures faced by their husbands because their wives were doing something that was not the norm.

"On both sides, there were enduring pressures, but the women were so strong. Where would we be (as women) if those women were not brave enough or strong enough to take a stand and be a voice for us to have the freedom to vote? I am standing on the shoulders of those women and their history and them being trailblazers in the fight for equality.

"They fought for equality for all of us. And that's the bottom line."

"Eulalie Salley was quite outspoken, and we are fortunate to have had her as part of the Aiken community.

"She led an innovative campaign regarding suffrage."

Kay Biermann Brohl, Aiken City Council member: "I think it's important that we celebrate this. It took so long for women to win that right to vote.

"And today we see so many women in leadership positions. It brings a whole different perspective to the decisions that are made and how they are made.

"I think Eulalie Salley was a trailblazer. She did so many things that a lot of people are just finding out about, and she contributed greatly to the culture, the history and the fairness of how things are done here in Aiken."

Gail Diggs, Aiken City Council member:

"In 1920, women won the right to vote, and here we are in 2020 with the possibility of having a Black female vice president. It's truly something to celebrate. I'm proud to know that Eulalie Salley was one of the women who led the way. We've come a long way, baby!"

"Eulalie Salley was strong, outspoken and determined to make a change. For her, silence was not an option. She saw something seriously wrong and not only said something, but actually DID something!"

"She helped pave the way for women to have a voice. Eulalie Salley was a true woman of substance!"

Dr. Sandra Jordan, Chancellor of USC Aiken: "The 19th Amendment was critical to the rights women enjoy today, for it finally guaranteed all women the right to vote during our national, state and local elections.

"History teaches us that once disenfranchised groups can vote, other forms of equality, such as social, economic and educational opportunities will follow.

"While we may take this right for granted today, we should never lose sight of the fact that women gained civil rights quite late in the history of our nation. It would be a travesty for modern-day men and women to dismiss the long, hard struggle that culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment.

"While women have experienced many successes since the passage of the amendment, women have not yet achieved full equality. I hope I will see in my lifetime our daughters and granddaughters achieve the dream of equal pay for equal work, freedom from harassment and freedom from discrimination based on gender.

"The dream of equality is worth the effort of keeping these issues on the forefront of our thinking, our actions and our national discussions.

"The university has many special ties to Eulalie Salley, a former Frist Lady of Aiken and a local suffragette, who used her personal earnings to underwrite her efforts to champion the cause.

"In fact, the Salley home now sits on the USC Aiken campus.

"Her tireless efforts to help secure this important civil right for half of the U.S. population was recognized by the governor (of South Carolina) who invited her to stand beside him as he signed the bill into law.

"Her commitment to the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed all women equal rights, on par with men, including gaining the right to vote, is an inspiration for women today."

HONORING DR. BENJAMIN BELL AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Benjamin C. Bell, Jr., a longtime pastor and community and family counselor in Des Moines, as our Iowan of the Week.

One of the strongest traits that unites Iowans is our love of community. Whether it's a favorite spot to fish, a connection group at church, or the best restaurant to grab a burger, we love to share stories about the people and places that give our shared home character. What's even better than Iowans' love of community is their unparalleled dedication to

investing in it. Through service of all stripes, Iowans strengthen their communities each day.

Dr. Benjamin C. Bell, Jr. is a shining example of an Iowan who not only loves his community, but also has gone above and beyond to improve it for those around him now and for generations to come.

Born and raised in Des Moines, Dr. Bell's life has been shaped by service to country and community. He learned about hard work and giving back by watching his father work the night shift and his mother cook at Drake University, where she'd provide extra food to those who didn't have enough to eat at home. After graduating high school, Bell served several years in the United States Marine Corps before finishing his tour and moving back home to Iowa to be near family and raise one of his own with his wife, Julie.

Since then, Dr. Bell and Julie have put their community-mindedness and drive to help others to work. For nearly three decades they co-pastored in church to provide community value and help people feel like they have somewhere to belong, especially in times of crisis.

Dr. Bell co-founded Dads with a Purpose (DWP), a transformational counseling program for fathers and mothers to reach their potential as parents and to help effectively build strong families. Dads with a Purpose has been nationally recognized for its curriculum: a series of expert-led classes and resources provided in a safe space for parents in challenging circumstances to talk about past barriers and how they can grow to create positive, generational change. DWP helps fathers and mothers to learn about themselves as men and women, as individual parents, and as part of a co-parenting team to create a healthier future for themselves and their children. It helps hundreds of Iowans each year, including men and women transitioning out of correctional facilities, gain employment and improve their circumstances.

Dr. Bell also lends his expertise to the 5th Judicial District to help men who have previously been domestically violent learn how to process anger, respect women, and resolve conflict. He serves as the Fatherhood Outreach Director at the YMCA, providing classes on how to communicate more effectively, deal with tough issues that affect fathers, and help successfully navigate child-support—which can drastically change an individual's credit score and provide opportunities to move into a home and maintain a good job. Bell's program also allows the participating fathers' children to come play at the YMCA and have pizza for dinner while classes are taking place.

Iowans take great pride in where we come from, and people are at the heart of what makes our home special. Dr. Bell has said: "People may not remember your name, but they will remember how you made them feel." This simple sentiment perfectly captures his inherently Iowan value of giving back for the good of others and his understanding of how important it is to treat people with the dignity human beings deserve. I am humbled and inspired by Dr. Bell's lifetime of service, passion

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